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Tae-ahn JAHNG et al.

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FIXATION OF A SPINE

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Examiner: J. L. Cumberledge

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final office action dated May 1, 2007, for which a response is due on September 1, 2007 with entry of the requested one month extension and a telephonic interview with the Examiner on July 26, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested

The pending Claims are listed beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.